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In re Patent Application of:

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 3 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper;

**Remarks** which begin on page 13 of this paper;

**Appendix A** which begins on page 22 of this paper;

**Appendix B** which begins on page 23 of this paper;

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**Appendix C** which begins on page 24 of this paper;

**Appendix D** which begins on page 25 of this paper; and

**Appendix E** which begins on page 26 of this paper.